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## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants argument page 10 lines 15-17 make clear the claim language that reads "said arbiter circuit activating, when said data is input to/output from none of said plurality of circuit blocks, either one of said first and second signal transmitting circuits in each repeater circuit, so that potential level of said bus node corresponding to said potential fixing circuit is transmitted to said data bus entirely." Is the arbiter activating the first or second transmitting circuit instead of the arbiter activating the potential fixing circuit as was read by the examiner. The examiner notes this reads on applicants figure 2 and not on applicants figure 1 as the examiner previously thought.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul R. Myers whose telephone number is 703 305 9656. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on 703 305 4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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